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Amendment No. 1 to the CMRS Interconnection Agreement between United Telephone Company of the Carolinas LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and Cricket Communications, Inc.

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COVER SHEET

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August 2, 2013

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Amendment No. 1 to the CMRS Interconnection Agreement between
United Telephone Company of the Carolinas LLC d/b/a CenturyLink and
Cricket Communications, Inc.
Docket No. 1998-348-C


Dear Ms. Boyd:

On behalf of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas LLC d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") and Cricket Communications, Inc. ("Cricket"), CenturyLink hereby submits this Amendment No. 1 to the Interconnection Agreement ("Amendment") between the parties. This Amendment is to the Interconnection Agreement which was approved by the Commission on July 21, 1998 in the above-captioned docket. At the time the Interconnection Agreement was originally entered, CenturyLink was known as Sprint and Cricket was known as Southern Wireless, L.P.

CenturyLink and Cricket respectfully request that the Commission approve the Interconnection Agreement as amended. CenturyLink is represented in this matter by Mr. Scott Elliott, Elliott & Elliott P.A., 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201. He can also be reached at (803) 771-0555.

An extra copy of the cover letter is also enclosed. Please stamp the extra copy as "Filed" and return to me in the usual manner. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please call me at (919) 554-7621 if there are any questions.

Very truly yours,


Jeanne W. Stockman

JWS/jh

cc: Todd Norman (*on behalf of Cricket*)
Scott Elliott
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Cricket Communications, Inc.

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This Amendment No. 1 ("Amendment") is to the CMRS Interconnection Agreement between United Telephone Company of the Carolinas LLC d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") and Cricket Communications, Inc. ("Carrier") (collectively, the "Parties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into a CMRS Interconnection Agreement dated May 30, 1998, for service in the State of South Carolina that was approved by the Commission (in the 1998 agreement, CenturyLink was known as United Telephone Company of the Carolinas or "Sprint" and Carrier was known as Southern Wireless, L.P. or "Carrier"); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission in Docket No. 01-92, *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, issued an order that changed the current state of applicable law with respect to, among other things, requirements surrounding the exchange of traffic between CMRS providers and LECs effective December 29, 2011 ("FCC Order" or "Order"); and

WHEREAS, Carrier has requested to amend the Agreement based on the FCC Order; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to amend the Agreement based on the FCC Order with the terms and conditions contained herein.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

Amendment Terms

The Agreement is hereby amended by adding terms, conditions, and rates as set forth in this Amendment and Attachment 1, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

By signature on this Amendment, Carrier has elected to modify existing contract terms in order to implement the applicable provisions of the above mentioned FCC Order.

Effective Date

The Parties agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment effective September 1, 2012.

Further Amendments

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Except as provided in the Agreement, this Amendment may not be further amended or altered, and no waiver of any provision thereof shall be effective, except by written instrument executed by an authorized representative of each Party.

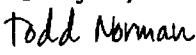
Entire Agreement


Other than the publicly filed Agreement and its Amendments, CenturyLink and Carrier have no agreement or understanding, written or oral, relating to the terms and conditions for interconnection.

The Parties intending to be legally bound have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, which may be in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Cricket Communications, Inc.

CenturyLink

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Signature

Todd Norman
Name Printed/Typed

L. T. Christensen
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Director Procurement - Network
Title
7/31/2013
Date

Director – Wholesale Contracts
Title
8/1/2013
Date

Attachment 1

Notwithstanding anything set forth in the Agreement to the contrary, the following terms and provisions shall govern the exchange of Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic, as defined in the Order, between the Parties.

1. General

- 1.1. Bill and Keep shall mean the originating Party has no obligation to pay terminating charges to the terminating Party.
- 1.2. Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic shall have the meaning set forth in 47 CFR §51.701(b) that is originated or terminated as wireless traffic by Carrier's end user.
- 1.3. Carrier agrees that it will only route traffic from its own wireless end users to CenturyLink for termination to CenturyLink end users or as Transit Traffic destined for a third party. In the event Carrier routes any traffic from third parties to CenturyLink in violation of this paragraph, CenturyLink shall be entitled to seek injunctive relief and to recover damages, including without limitation, compensation for such traffic at the rate that is then applicable to intrastate access traffic.
- 1.4. All other terms not otherwise defined in this Amendment are as defined in the ICA.

2. Inter-carrier Compensation.

- 2.1. Bill and Keep shall apply to the exchange of Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic, solely when such traffic terminates to the end users of one of the Parties. This compensation arrangement shall supersede any previous usage-based terminating charges of:
 - 2.1.1. End Office Switching, Tandem Switching and/or Common Transport charges (except as provided in Section 2.2.2); or
 - 2.1.2. Any "FCC Opt-In Compensation" or equivalent charges assessed in accordance with the interim rates previously prescribed pursuant to the *Order on Remand and Report and Order*, FCC 01-131, CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68, adopted April 18, 2001 and subsequent orders of the FCC.
- 2.2. Notwithstanding anything in this Amendment or in the Agreement to the contrary, Bill and Keep shall not apply to the right of CenturyLink to be compensated for:
 - 2.2.1. Transit Traffic that transits a CenturyLink Tandem. Such Transit Traffic shall be at the same rates that existed prior to this Amendment, and any adjustment to reciprocal compensation rate element(s) that are assessed by a Party for terminating Non-Access Telecommunications Traffic pursuant to the Order shall not apply for purposes of calculating the rate(s) to be charged by CenturyLink for providing a Transit Service.
 - 2.2.2. Common Transport for Indirect Traffic which is originated by Carrier and terminated to CenturyLink. Such Common Transport rate shall be at the same rates that existed prior to the Amendment, and any adjustment to reciprocal compensation rate element(s) that are assessed by a Party for terminating Non-

Access Telecommunications Traffic pursuant to the Order shall not apply for purposes of calculating the rate(s) to be charged by CenturyLink for providing Common Transport associated with Indirect Traffic.

Description	South Carolina	
Reciprocal Compensation		
Local Traffic Termination - Per Minute of Use	Bill and Keep	NA
Indirect Network Connection		
Common Transport - Per Minute of Use	.005022	NA
Transit Compensation		
Transit - Per Minute of Use	.006805	NA
Third Party Originated Transit - Per Minute of Use	.006805	NA

3. Traffic Delivery Arrangements. For purposes of determining the relevant network points for delivery and exchange of traffic pursuant to this Amendment, the Parties acknowledge and agree as follows:

3.1. Tandem Management.

- 3.1.1. When Transit Traffic originated by a third party is routed through a CenturyLink Tandem to Carrier, and the third party is not legally obligated to compensate CenturyLink for the Transit Service provided in transporting the traffic to Carrier as a result of paragraph 999 of the FCC Order, then Carrier will either:

3.1.1.1. Establish direct interconnection with such third party; or

3.1.1.2. Pay the Transit charges for such traffic.

- 3.1.2. Carrier agrees not to route Transit Traffic to a non-CenturyLink Tandem when the NPA-NXX of the number called is rated within CenturyLink's tandem serving area, and Carrier shall reimburse CenturyLink for any terminating compensation charged to CenturyLink by a third party terminating carrier as a result of any such double tandem Transit Traffic routed by Carrier. In addition, Carrier will be financially responsible for any Transit charges of CenturyLink on such traffic.

- 3.1.3. To the extent network and contractual arrangements exist with all necessary parties throughout the term of the Agreement, CenturyLink Transit Services are available solely at the CenturyLink Tandem providing the Transit Service for those third party carriers that are listed in the LERG as subtending that CenturyLink Tandem and are directly connected to the same CenturyLink Tandem.

- 3.1.4. In the event Transit Traffic routed by Carrier is blocked by a third party, the Parties understand and agree that it is the sole responsibility of Carrier to resolve the dispute. Carrier acknowledges that CenturyLink does not have any responsibility to pay, and Carrier indemnifies CenturyLink against any third-

party Telecommunications Carrier charges for termination of any identifiable Transit Traffic routed to CenturyLink by Carrier.

4. **Reservation of Rights.** Notwithstanding anything in this Amendment or in the Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding the execution of this Amendment by the Parties, CenturyLink reserves the absolute right to charge and collect any compensation that it would otherwise have been entitled to in the absence of the FCC Order or this Amendment, and this Amendment shall immediately become void *ab initio*, if the application of the Bill and Keep compensation framework within the FCC Order is in any way stayed or modified or subsequently determined by the FCC or a court of competent jurisdiction to be discriminatory, unfair, or otherwise improper, unlawful, unenforceable, without adequate legal support or inapplicable.